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People immigrate for a variety of reasons, but very few do so without being to some extent motivated by the hope that they will improve their standard of living.

To provide a meaningful basis of comparison, the following tables of average Canadian prices for several groups of commodities have been prepared. They show both the price of the commodity and the conversion into working time needed to earn the

required amount.

The working time is based on an hourly rate (arbitrarily chosen) of Canadian \$2.40 an hour during a 40-hour week. Taxes and other compulsory deductions have not been taken into consideration.

On page 4 you will also find a table indicating how an average Canadian family spends its income before taxes.

METRIC EQUIVALENTS

1 pound	=	453 grams
1/2 pound	=	227 grams
1 gallon	=	4.5 liters
1 quart	=	1.1 liters
1 pint	=	0.5 liters

Ed: Conversion is given only when measurement first appears



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FOOD

ITEM	PRICE	WORKING TIME NEEDED
DAIRY PRODUCTS		
Milk, fresh, 1 quart (1.1 liters)	\$0.32	8 minutes
Butter, 1 pound (453 grams)	\$0.72	18 minutes
Cheese, plain, ½ pound (226 grams)	\$0.47	13 minutes
Infants' canned milk	\$0.17	4 minutes
POULTRY AND EGGS		
Eggs, fresh, grade A, large, dozen	\$0.59	15 minutes
Chicken (eviscerated, grade A) pound	\$0.50	12 minutes
BEEF		
Sirloin Steak, pound	\$1.40	35 minutes
Hamburger, pound	\$0.68	17 minutes
PORK		
Pork chop, pound	\$1.06	27 minutes
Sausage, pure pork, pound	\$0.77	19 minutes
Ham, smoked, boneless, pound	\$1.39	35 minutes
OTHER MEATS		
Lamb, leg roast, pound	\$0.83	21 minutes
Veal, loin chops, pound	\$1.42	36 minutes
FISH		
Cod fillets, frozen, pound	\$0.52	13 minutes
FATS		
Margarine, pound	\$0.32	8 minutes
Olive oil, 1 gallon, 4.5 liters	\$5.50	2 hours, 18 minutes
Vegetable oil, 1 gallon	\$3.00	1 hour, 15 minutes
CEREAL PRODUCTS		
Bread, plain, white, sliced, pound	\$0.20	5 minutes
Rice, 42 ounces, long grain (1.9 kilograms)	\$0.91	22 minutes
Flour, white, pound	\$0.12	3 minutes
Macaroni, dry, pound	\$0.24	6 minutes
SWEETS		
Sugar, granulated, pound	\$0.11	
Jam, strawberry, 2 pound (906 grams) jar	\$0.33	3 minutes
Honey, white, 2 pound jar	\$0.77	8 minutes
		19 minutes
FRUITS		
Oranges, California, medium-sized, dozen	\$0.59	15 minutes
Bananas, pound	\$0.17	4½ minutes
Raisins, California, Australia, pound	\$0.44	11 minutes
Orange juice, unsweetened, 19 ounces (.6 liter)	\$0.24	6 minutes
VEGETABLES		
Potatoes, 10 pounds (45 kilograms)	\$0.55	14 minutes
Onions, pound	\$0.17	4½ minutes
Carrots, pound	\$0.14	4 minutes
Cabbage, pound	\$0.10	3 minutes
Lettuce, head, fresh, pound	\$0.22	5 minutes
Green peas, frozen, 12 ounces (339.6 grams)	\$0.27	7 minutes
Infants' food, vegetable, tin 4¾ ounces (126.4 grams)	\$0.13	3 minutes
Tomato juice, fancy, 48 ounces (1.3 liters)	\$0.40	10 minutes

ITEM	PRICE	WORKING TIME NEEDED
BEVERAGES		
Tea, 1 pound	\$1.26	31 minutes
Tea bags, orange pekoe, package 60 bags	\$0.83	21 minutes
Coffee, instant, dry, jar, 6 ounces (169.8 grams)	\$1.06	26 minutes
Coffee, 1 pound	\$1.30	33 minutes

CLOTHING

MEN'S WEAR

Leather shoes, oxfords	\$ 8.00 and up	3 hours, 20 minutes
Men's suit, rayon	\$35.00 and up	14½ hours, 7 minutes
Men's suit, wool	\$67.50 and up	28 hours, 7 minutes
Men's business shirt	\$ 4.00 and up	1 hour, 40 minutes
Harris tweed jacket	\$35.00 and up	14½ hours
Men's raincoat	\$20.00 and up	8 hours, 20 minutes
Men's hat	\$ 7.00 and up	2 hours, 54 minutes
Men's wool overcoat	\$70.00 and up	29 hours, 10 minutes
Sweater	\$10.00 and up	4 hours, 10 minutes
Undershirt (T-shirt)	\$ 1.25 and up	31 minutes
Undershorts	\$ 1.25 and up	31 minutes
Slacks, rayon	\$ 7.00 and up	2 hours, 54 minutes
Socks	\$ 1.00 and up	25 minutes

WOMEN'S WEAR

Street dress, 2 piece, wool	\$40.00 and up	16 hours, 40 minutes
Street dress, rayon	\$17.00 and up	7 hours, 4 minutes
Summer dresses, rayon	\$ 5.00 and up	2 hours, 5 minutes
Panty hose	\$ 1.39 and up	35 minutes
Panties	\$ 1.00 and up	25 minutes
Bra	\$ 2.50 and up	1 hour, 2 minutes
Wool-lined leather gloves	\$ 7.00 and up	2 hours, 54 minutes
Blouse	\$ 6.00 and up	2½ hours
Raincoat	\$25.00 and up	10 hours, 25 minutes
Wool pant suit	\$30.00 and up	12½ hours
Wool coat	\$30.00 and up	12½ hours
Shoes, leather	\$ 7.00 and up	2 hours, 54 minutes

INFANTS' DIAPERS

Package 72 disposable diapers	\$ 1.50
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	FUEL	
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High octane gasoline, gallon	\$ 0.54	15 minutes
Low octane gasoline, gallon	\$ 0.49	13 minutes

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

2-door, family-sized Canadian-built car, standard gear and not including provincial tax. 30% normal depreciation on price after 1 year	\$2,845.00	29½ weeks
Subway or bus fare	\$ 0.30	7 minutes
Telephone (per month) plus an installation fee of \$9	\$ 5.50	2 hours, 17 minutes

FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES

Bedroom set	\$145.00 and up	60 hours, 24 minutes
Dining room set	\$125.00 and up	52 hours, 24 minutes
Television set 12-inch black and white	\$130.00	54 hours
Television set 19-inch color	\$450.00	4 weeks, 27 hours
AM-FM table model radio	\$ 40.00	16 hours, 40 minutes

ITEM PRICE WORKING TIME NEEDED

OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES

Scotch whisky 25 ounces (.8 liter)	\$ 6.30	2 hours, 37 minutes
Rye whisky 25 ounces	\$ 6.90	2 hours, 52 minutes
Beer, dozen 12 ounces (.4 liter)	\$ 2.45	61 minutes
Carbonated drinks	\$ 0.15	4 minutes
Cigarettes, package of 20		
(king-size)	\$ 0.65	16 minutes
(regular)	\$ 0.51	13 minutes
Drycleaning man's suit	\$ 1.60	40 minutes
Drycleaning woman's dress	\$ 1.60	40 minutes
Laundry, man's shirt	\$ 0.25 and up	6 minutes
Laundry, cotton sheet	\$ 0.17	4 minutes
Laundry done in self-serve machines	2½¢ per lb.
Man's haircut	\$ 2.00	50 minutes
Woman's shampoo and set	\$ 2.50 and up	63 minutes
Permanent wave	\$10.00 and up	4 hours, 10 minutes
Newspapers, weekly	\$ 0.65	16 minutes
Admission to cinema (adult)	\$ 2.00	50 minutes
Admission to cinema (children)	\$ 0.60	15 minutes

PATTERNS OF FAMILY EXPENDITURE, CANADA, 1967

	Families of two or more	One-person spending unit	Families of two or more	One-person spending unit
Money income before taxes	\$9,061	\$5,219		
	Average dollar expenditure		Percentage distribution	
Food	\$1,722	\$ 912	19.5%	17.8%
Shelter	1,368	982	15.5	19.2
Rented	488	739	5.5	14.4
Owned	550	126	6.2	2.5
Other shelter	72	9	0.8	0.2
Fuel, light, water	259	108	2.9	2.1
Household operation	349	206	3.9	4.0
Furnishings and equipment	385	105	4.4	2.0
Appliances	101	17	1.1	0.3
Other	284	88	3.2	1.7
Clothing	749	388	8.5	7.6
Transportation	1,028	609	11.6	11.9
Car — Purchase and Operation	838	417	9.5	8.1
Other transportation	190	192	2.2	3.8
Medical care	299	153	3.4	3.0
Personal care	207	126	2.3	2.5
Recreation	314	183	3.6	3.6
Reading	59	64	0.7	1.2
Education	79	27	0.9	0.5
Tobacco and alcoholic beverages	354	284	4.0	5.5
Other	118	70	1.3	1.4
Total current consumption	7,031	4,110	77.6	78.9
Gifts and contributions	212	188	2.4	3.7
Personal taxes	1,135	629	12.7	12.3
Security	453	193	5.1	3.8
Total expenditure	8,831	5,120	100.0	100.0

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